

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Sam Bullen house

2. Location

street & number Talbot Street

 not for publication

city, town Claiborne

 vicinity of

congressional district 5

state Maryland

county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Clarence L. Johnson, Jr.

street & number

telephone no.: 745-5586

city, town Claiborne

state and zip code MD 21624

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse

liber 592

street & number

folio 791

city, town Easton

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. T-900

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Sam Bullen house is located on the north side of Talbot Street in Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces south and has a pyramidal roof with a wide overhang.

Built around 1913, this two bay, two-story, structure is sheathed in yellow weatherboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. It is supported by a brick pier foundation. The house is finished with cornerboards and a boxed cornice.

The south (main) elevation has a full-width porch across the first floor with turned supports and a square baluster. The eastern half of this porch is screened and stretches around to east side of the house. The first floor is pierced by a one-light over one-panel entrance door and one one-over-one sash window, both of which have wide surrounds. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds. A dormer window sheathed in wood shingles projects from the center of the roof lit by one one-over-one sash window.

The west elevation is lit by one rectangular, colored glass window. A one-story, shed roof addition extends to the north lit by four single light windows. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof.

The north elevation has a one-story addition across the first floor lit by three single-light windows and one two-over-two sash window. The east side of this addition is pierced by one four-light over two-panel door. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows.

The east elevation has a screened porch across the first floor. The northern half of this porch is enclosed and lit by a set of two one-over-one sash windows. The north side of this enclosure is lit by one one-over-one sash window and the south side is pierced by an entrance door. A pair of french doors open onto the screened porch as this elevation's southern first floor bay. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds.

8. Significance

Survey No. T-900

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Sam Bullen house is located on a parcel of land outlined in the plat "John Cockey's Addition to Claiborne." John Cockey purchased this property from Georgiana Tunis in 1876 and sold the Bullen lot to H.C.Monroe and J.Lewis Warner. Monroe and Warner then sold it to Elijah J. Jarmon who sold it to Bullen in 1913.

Sam Bullen worked on the railroad and was the engineer on the ferry. His house is remembered as the only "kit house" in Claiborne. Kit houses, or mail-order houses, proliferated around this time when the ready-to-assemble designs could be ordered by mail and sent by rail to the building site. American companies such as Sears, Roebuck, & Company, The Hodgson Company, Alladin Homes and Montgomery Ward all began selling houses through mail-order catalogs between 1895 and 1910. These houses were designed to be sturdy, inexpensive, and modern homes.

Despite its unique history this house does not look significantly different in appearance from other houses in Claiborne. In fact, the main body of the house is quite similar to that of the nearby Casson house. For more information on mail order houses see Katherine Cole Stevenson's Houses by Mail. A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck, & Company. T-901 Ernest Davis House

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission date 12/31/91

street & number telephone

city or town Easton state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Sam Bullen house Description cont'd.

Three outbuildings stand on the property. All three are clad in yellow vertical board siding. One has a shed roof covered with asphalt shingles and the remaining two have gable roofs covered with tin.

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claiborne

Annapolis Quadrangle



COMPILED FROM 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLES OF THE
U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:
roads and boundaries)



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SAMUEL BULLEN HOUSE

SW ELEVATION



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SAMUEL C. BULLEN HOUSE

SOUTHEAST ELEV.

CLAIBORNE , MD

DONALD CASSON COLLECTION